



Volunteer Events Newsletter

18th August 2026

Join in. Connect. Make an Impact.

What's in this update?

This monthly newsletter shows all our volunteering opportunities for the rest of the academic year and beyond, helping you plan ahead.

We'll also occasionally send **The Shortlist** – a brief update highlighting upcoming events where volunteers are still needed. These are designed to be quick to read and easy to act on.

Our volunteering opportunities help prepare young people for the world of work – don't miss your chance to get involved!

How to sign up

Email **events@ebp.org.uk** with the **event name, date and venue**.

Please don't reply to this email, as it goes to a no-replies inbox.

You'll receive full event details in advance, plus a briefing on arrival at the school.

We're always keen to welcome new volunteers, so please feel free to forward this newsletter to colleagues, friends or family who may be interested.

- ☒ No DBS required
- ☒ Open to all sectors (including retired volunteers)
- ☐ Unfortunately, travel expenses can't be reimbursed due to funding restrictions

Thank you and best wishes,

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Reading / Tilehurst

King's Academy Prospect, Reading

You're Hired, Wednesday 14th October, 08:30-15:15, Year 12

5 volunteer spaces

A programme of workshops with a series of "real life" scenarios and interactive workshops, aiming to equip students with the skills, knowledge and experience to not only succeed but thrive in the world of work.

Think Smart, Speak Smart – Communication skills and strategic thinking

Dream Team Drama – Teamwork and conflict resolution

Level Up Your Life – Productivity and time management

Beyond The Screen – Digital skills including the AI debate and the significance of your digital footprint

Speak Up, Stand Out – Presentation skills and public speaking

Business Volunteers will not be expected to deliver any content but be available to share insights, experiences and advice. You will receive a full briefing about what to expect prior to the event.

Maiden Erlegh School, Reading

Mock Interviews, Monday 7th December, 08:30-15:00

17 volunteer spaces

Practice interviews give students the chance to gain confidence and put new skills into practice with volunteer business professionals in a supportive and familiar environment. Each student will have about 15 minutes for the interview and then 5 minutes for your feedback.

The Bulmershe School, Reading

Guess My Job, Monday 25th January 2027, 08:15-15:00, Year 10

6 volunteer spaces

This is a fun and interactive event where you will be interviewed by a small group of students who will try to guess what you do for a living. After student questioning and guessing you will reveal your role and talk about your career journey.

The Bulmershe School, Reading

Interview Preparation, Monday 25th January 2027, 08:15-15:00, Year 10

3 volunteer spaces

This workshop gives the students an understanding of what they need to do to prepare for an interview. You will support EBP staff whilst they deliver this workshop by offering your own advice and expertise about what you do to prepare for a job interview. You will not be expected to deliver any content but be available to share insights, experiences and advice about interviews.

The Bulmershe School, Reading

Mock Interviews, Tuesday 26th January, Time TBC

21 volunteer spaces

Practice interviews give students the chance to gain confidence and put new skills into practice with volunteer business professionals in a supportive and familiar environment. Each student will have about 15 minutes for the interview and then 5 minutes for your feedback.

Newbury / Thatcham / Hungerford / North Hampshire

St Bartholomew's Sixth Form, Newbury

Champions of Enterprise, Wednesday 30th September, 08:15-15:00

11 volunteer spaces

This event develops team working skills, creativity skills, time management skills and presentation confidence. Business Ambassadors support students throughout the workshop, helping them with their decision making and problem solving. The students will be asked to present their solution to a business problem, and you will be asked to judge the student presentations.

St Bartholomew's School, Newbury

Mock Interviews, Wednesday 25th November, Time TBC

20 volunteer spaces

Practice interviews give students the chance to gain confidence and put new skills into practice with volunteer business professionals in a supportive and familiar environment. Each student will have about 15 minutes for the interview and then 5 minutes for your feedback.

The Hurst School, Tadley

Mock Interviews, Monday 11th January, Time TBC

20 volunteer spaces

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Swindon / Wiltshire

The Deanery CE Academy, Swindon

Scrap Challenge, Thursday 15th October, 09:00–12:20, Year TBC

4 volunteer spaces (STEM background helpful)

Students will work in a team and put their imagination and engineering skills to the test with Cardboard City! Today's cities are highly varied throughout the world, ideally to best suit the needs of their residents. Each has different services, layouts, features and styles. A cardboard city of their own design can become anything they desire. A winning product/service will be chosen from all the teams. Business Ambassadors will assist the students in the design and build of their creation, so no prior preparation is required.

Oxfordshire

No events at present.

At EBP, **we are committed to building a diverse and inclusive community of volunteers** who reflect the wide range of backgrounds and experiences of the young people we support. We welcome volunteers from all walks of life, including people of all ages and cultures, those from global majority backgrounds, those from the LGBTQ+ community, those with disabilities, and neurodiverse individuals. We are keen to understand and meet individual support needs wherever we can. We want every young person to feel seen, heard, and represented, and believe that by bringing together volunteers with varied experiences, we can help prepare them for the future with confidence and support.

Your unique perspective will help make a real impact!

Other news:

EBP staff take on 25km walking challenge



A team of EBP staff successfully completed a 25km walk from Kennet School to John O'Gaunt School on Tuesday 14th July.

🙏 The purpose was to raise funds to support the core of our work—the people, resources, and infrastructure that make our programmes possible.

Every day, we help young people with huge potential build the skills, confidence, and opportunities they need for the future. Behind every success are essential costs that are vital, yet often hardest to fund.

📦 Your donation supports ~ Workshop delivery and staff time ~ Programme development aligned with employer needs ~ Safeguarding and training ~ Running costs and outreach to reach more young people

🏦 Every contribution makes a difference.

🙌 Thank you to everyone who has already donated and for supporting the next generation.

Donate here:

[Fundraiser by Lilly Vincent : Education Business Partnership – 25km walking challenge](#)



DESTINATIONS EXPO

WEST BERKSHIRE'S LARGEST
INTERACTIVE CAREERS FAIR

We are delighted to announce the return of the largest careers fair in West Berkshire – **Destinations Expo 2026**. This fantastic event, now into its 4th year, will be held at Newbury College on **Thursday 8th October 2026**.

We are looking for businesses passionate about supporting and inspiring our future workforce to exhibit at the event

With over 1200 students in attendance alongside over 50 local, national and international businesses, this interactive and diverse careers fare is a unique opportunity to engage, enthuse and even source potential new talent, as well as networking and promoting your business.

"This event is now the start of Xtrac's apprenticeship recruitment as we get so many positive enquiries that turn into employment."

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others to get involved!**

**There are so many ways that you
can support the work we do!**